

## CAMP CLAIBORNE TODAY



Entrance to historic Camp Claiborne.



Interpretive sign at Camp Claiborne entrance.



Former headquarters of the 82nd & 101st Airborne at Camp Claiborne.



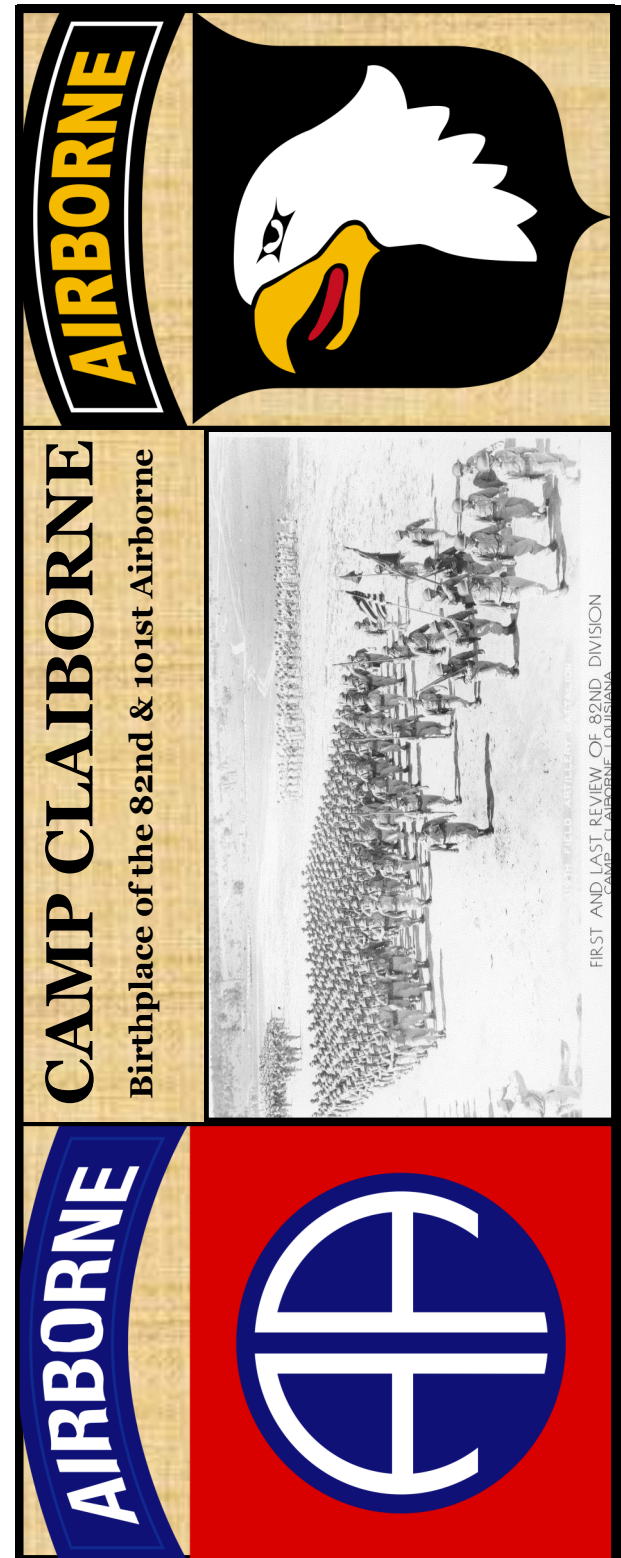
101st Airborne Division at Camp Claiborne.



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**Directions:** The entrance to Camp Claiborne is located off U.S. Highway 165. From Alexandria, take US Hwy 165 South through Woodworth for 14 miles to La Hwy 112.

For more information call (318) 793-9427.





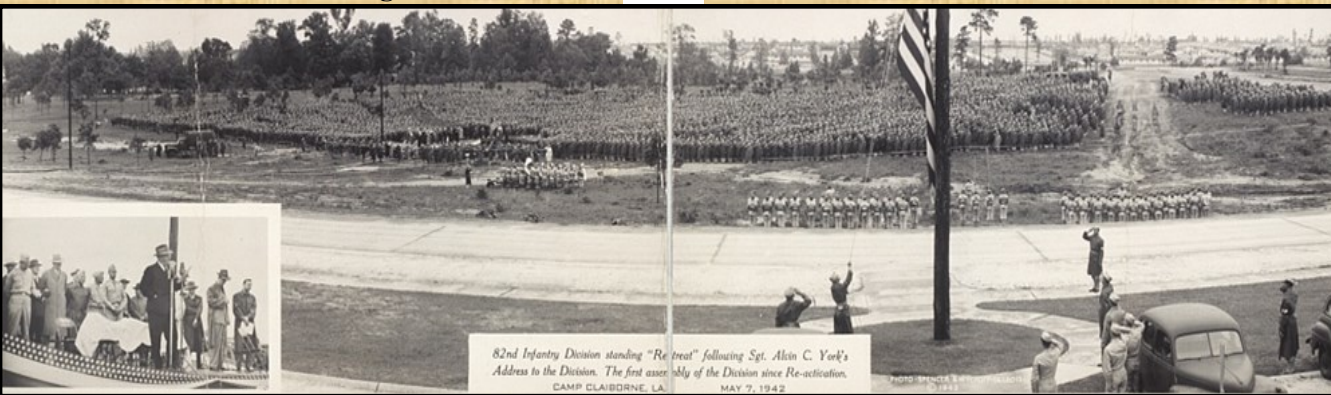


Construction workers building a tent hutment.



The 34th Infantry Division was the first division to train at Camp Claiborne. Here they are passing in review. After the 34th left for Europe, the 82nd Infantry moved to Camp Claiborne.

Below-SGT Alvin C. York visiting his old division, the 82nd ID. York was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during WWI.



## CAMP CLAIBORNE, LOUISIANA

During WWII Camp Claiborne was the third largest city in Louisiana. Work began in 1940 with over 8000 workers employed in the camps construction. By the end of 1945 over 500,000 soldiers had trained at the camp.

Camp Claiborne was unique in many ways. The only army owned railroad was located at Claiborne. The Claiborne-Polk Military Railroad was used to train railroaders for overseas service. In 1942 the Engineer Unit Training Center was opened in West Camp Claiborne and was one of the largest in the country.

Camp Claiborne was also the birthplace of the 82nd and 101st, Americans first Airborne Divisions. Created from the 82 Infantry Division of WWI fame these units served not only in WWII but continue to serve on active duty to this day. Many other proud units trained at Camp Claiborne to include the 34th, 84th and 103rd Infantry Divisions and the 761st tank battalion.

In addition the 20th General Hospital trained at Claiborne before deployment to the India-Burma theatre of operation

Camp Claiborne is quiet today, but its legacy will be remembered for years to come.



Claiborne-Polk Military Railroad crossing over the Red River and Gulf railroad at a place called "Big Cut".



8th Service Command construction engineers working on the Claiborne - Polk Military Railroad.



20th General Hospital